Government have come out with the report regarding the merger of AAI with IAAI; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which the seniority is going to be counted between AAI and IAAI employees ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) and (b) The Government had not appointed any Committee. However Airports Authority of India (AAI) had set up an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Justice J.D. Jain (Retd.). This Committee has submitted its report which broadly deals with the principles of integration of cadres, scales of pay, conditions of service and inter-seniority amongst the employees of National Airports Division and International Airports Division of Airports Authority of India (AAI). The report is under examination of AAI.

**Task Force for North East Sector**

2984. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the task force on development of tourism in North East has called for removal restrictions on the tourists;

(b) if so, whether this task force was constituted by the Department of Tourism to recommend the improvement in the North Eastern sector;

(c) the steps are being taken to improve the tourism in the North Eastern States;

(d) whether these States have been lying as isolated region;

(e) whether any concrete programme in this regard has been worked out; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (f) The Task Force set up by the Department of Tourism has recommended to consider removal of entry restrictions on the tourists. The other recommendations include emphasis on Infrastructure and Human Resource Development and wide publicity of Tourist. Attractions of the region. The Task Force has identified a number of projects including construction of tourist complexes, wayside amenities etc. for the development of tourism of the region and a number of them have been prioritised for Central Financial Assistance during 1997-98.

**Replacment of Indian Artefacts**

2985. SHRI L. RAMANA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in the Asian Age dated July 2, 1997 entitled "British Museum told to replace Indian Artefacts"; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of British Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An exhibition entitled 'Enduring Image' from British Museum will have a wide range of art-objects belonging to various ancient world civilizations on view in the National Museum from 13th October, 1997 onwards for about two months. While examining the list of exhibits proposed to be displayed, it was felt that the Indian Section was rather under-represented, not truly commensurate with the great civilization that it is. Accordingly, suggestions were made to the British Museum to enhance the Indian Section by changing some of the exhibits and adding new ones more representative of our civilization. The suggestion has been received favourably, some changes have already been made and some are likely to be made before the final list of exhibits is agreed.

**Daily Flight for Metro Cities**

2986. SHRI RAJENDRASINH RANA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cities connected with the metro cities by daily flight services;

(b) whether the Government propose to connect the cities with daily flights to metrol cities which are not having this facility at present; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) Twenty four cities are connected with daily flights to/from metro cities.

(b) and (c) In view of resource costraint of the Indian